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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation
Measure: HB2098

Dear Members of the Joint Committee of Transportation:

I am writing to express my strong support for the funding of the I-5 bridge project. This vital infrastructure project is of utmost importance to the region and would have significant positive impacts on the local economy and transportation system.

As you are aware, the current I-5 bridge is outdated and in dire need of repair or replacement. The bridge was originally constructed in 1917 and has undergone numerous repairs and renovations, but it has now reached the end of its useful life. The bridge is a crucial link between Oregon and Washington and is a vital transportation route for freight and commuters, with over 130,000 vehicles crossing it each day.

The proposed I-5 bridge project will not only replace the outdated bridge, but it will also provide additional lanes, bike lanes, and pedestrian paths, as well as improved access to public transportation. This will greatly improve traffic flow and reduce congestion, leading to shorter commute times and increased productivity for businesses in the region.

Furthermore, the I-5 bridge project will create jobs and boost economic growth in the region. The construction of the new bridge will require the employment of hundreds of workers and will also generate opportunities for local businesses to supply materials and services.

I urge you to consider the benefits of the I-5 bridge project and to provide the necessary funding for its completion. This project is essential to the region's continued growth and prosperity, and it is time to invest in our infrastructure for the benefit of our communities and our economy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Stacie Wyss-Schoenborn